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Dear Pete.

I like your book. Its Thorough, informative and well organized. The graphics are excellent. It sets standards to be followed in any discourse on any single variety of any denomination.

I could not help but note your rebuttal to Americas Leading Numismatic Bullshitter. This is the kind of thing I have to put up with since the "Big Red Book" was published.

Could I suggest that you ~~undertake~~ undertake other Sheldon's, such as S-15, 16, 33, 37, 53, 96 and so forth. You could put a lot of legends to Red.

Sincerely

Reggie L. Cahen

February 24, 1987

Dear Roger

Thank you for your kind comments about my book. I respect your opinion. I hope you won't mind if I use a quote from your letter in a future ad for the book.

I am very much aware of the way that halftone collectors have become polarized over the two different books. In California I talked to Bill Weber. He was also aroused by my written rebuttal to Breen. I choose my words very carefully. I wanted to disagree with the Breen theory but not attack Breen as a person. I can learn a lot from him.

I have written three letters to Breen about the Turbow series. I haven't even gotten a note of Thanks. However, in our personal discussions he has let me know that he is using some of my material. Again, I feel that I can add more to the knowledge of the series by working with him rather than working against him.

Your suggestion that I take on other rare varieties is interesting. I have started to do some research on all of the 1793's. I will do my best to deal \$100% of the series like S-7 S-12 S-15 & S-16. For the rest I may do the top 20 or all the VF20's and better. The S-43 book took 4 years. I may try to get the 1793 book published by 1993.

Thanks again for the comments

Yours,

Paul Smith

3/28/87

DEAR PETE,

YOU OF COURSE HAVE MY PERMISSION TO QUOTE WHAT I HAD TO SAY ABOUT "THE STARRED REVERSE" I WOULDN'T WRITE IT OTHERWISE,

I COULD NOT HELP BUT NOTE THAT YOU ARE GETTING THE USUAL TREATMENT FROM AMERICA'S LEADING NUMISMATIC BULLSHITTER. I WENT THROUGH THAT MANY YEARS AGO. WHAT HE DOES IS TO ABSORB WHAT YOU HAVE TO OFFER BUT THERE IS LITTLE OR NO RECIPROCITY! THEN IT IS GRUDGINGLY GIVEN. YOU ARE ALSO LABORING UNDER THE DELUSION THAT HE HAS MUCH DATA AND INFORMATION AND THAT YOU CAN "LEARN A LOT FROM HIM"

SPEAKING FROM EXPERIENCE I MUST INFORM YOU THAT HE IS NOT ORIGINAL!! HE IS AN APER, HE PARAPHRASES. WHEN HE DOES HAVE AN ORIGINAL THOUGHT ITS THE S-48 TYPE. PERSONS WHO TAKE ISSUE WITH HIM END UP BEING BELITTLED AND IGNORED.

I FOR MANY YEARS AWAITED HIS BOOK ON HALF CENTS. I ATTEMPTED ^{FOR MANY YEARS} TO ENLIST HIS COOPERATION, EVEN TO THE POINT THAT I OFFERED THE COMPLETED MANUSCRIPT OF MY FIRST EDITION TO HIM IN AUGUST 1971. HIS REPLY AND I QUOTE "I DON'T GIVE A CONTENTIAL DAMN WHAT YOU DO."

HIS REACTION TO MY BOOK WAS TO IGNORE IT, NOT TO WORK WITH IT. THE BOOK HE HAS PUT OUT ON HALF CENTS IS A DISGRACE AND AN INSULT TO THE INTELLIGENCE OF ANY ADVANCED HALF CENT COLLECTOR. BILL WEBER WORKED WITH HIM. MANY OF BILLS COINS ARE PHOTOGRAPHED IN THE "BIG RED BOOK". WHILE BILL WORKED WITH HIM HE WAS REFERRED TO AS "AMBASSADOR BILL". HE WORKED VERY HARD AT ATTEMPTING TO RECONCILE THE ANIMOS

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WHICH I HAD CREATED BY HAVING THE
AUDACITY TO PUBLISH A BOOK ON HALF CENTS!

IN THE END BILL CAME TO REALIZE THAT
HE HAD RECEIVED THE USUAL TREATMENT
HE HAD BEEN USED! AND BEEN KICKED IN
THE ASS AS WELL! NOW PERHAPS YOU MAY
UNDERSTAND BILL A LITTLE BETTER.

THE POLARIZATION OF HALF CENT COLLECTORS
WHICH YOU REFER TO IS THE HANDI WORK OF
A.L.N.B. NOT ME. I HAVE ALWAYS WORKED
TOWARD ENLIGHTENMENT ^{IN} ~~AS~~ A DEMOCRATIC
SETTING. A.L.N.B. WANTS IT IN A ROYALISTIC
SETTING AND HE IS DOING IT IN BIG
PENNIES WITH PERSONS SUCH AS YOURSELF
PARTICULARLY IF THEY HAVE YOUR AWE
OF HIM. IN REALITY HE IS A NOTHING
AND THE SOONER PEOPLE REALIZE THIS THE
BETTER OFF NUMISMATIC ENLIGHTENMENT WILL
BE. ~~MARK~~ MY WORKS & YOUR REBUTTAL
WILL EITHER BE IGNORED OR BELITTLED AND
I AWAIT THE OUTCOME

SINCERELY

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1/2/88

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Dear Pete,

The 11/15/88 pennywise exchange with Dove Bowers + Co has been received. You are to be commended for "sticking to your guns" in regard to the fantasy put forth by AMERICAS LEADING NUMISMATIC BULLSHITTER, in regard to the Stained Revenue.

Did you notice that after 4 years of repeating that Balderdash it is accepted as the Gospel? This is because Dove Bowers. Thinks only Walter is our god if it will SELL COINS!!

Now perhaps you can see the enormous task of the Half Cent field!! "The Big Red Book" is so full of errors and misthought hypothesis that a book of similar size would be needed just to correct it

The Normal Sale containing Half Cents in October 1987 was ^{the most} incredible exhibition at Dove Bowers since ALNB's Mass since ever been. It was done to SELL COINS!! . When it comes to Dove Bowers just remember SELL COINS!! SELL COINS!!

I believe in the long run that correcting Bowers is futile. He will only use the information provided to SELL COINS!!.

and I am speaking from experience!!

On closing I for one like the way you are "sticking to your guns" keep it up

Sincerely
Boger